

**AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL
AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016**

1. Call to Order in Town Hall (7:00 PM)

2. Moment of Silence

3. Citizen Comments

Per the Town Council's policy, any individual desiring to speak before the Council who has not met the agenda deadline requirement will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to speak before the Town Council. Any individual representing a bona fide group will be allowed a maximum of five minutes to speak before the Town Council. Placement on the agenda is at the Mayor's discretion.

4. Special Matters

A. FY16/17 Town of Amherst Budget Adoption – Town Manager Jack Hobbs

A budget package, updated in five areas from the original edition pursuant to better information and Council conversation, is contained in the agenda package. The ordinance that starts on p. 4A-5 is ready for adoption at the Council's discretion.

B. Sparrow Water and Sewer Availability – Town Manager Jack Hobbs

Staff has been working to resolve an irregular water and sewer service situation at 229 N. Main Street. Complete information had not been developed as of the agenda package preparation date, so the Council should expect an oral report at the meeting.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Town Council Minutes – May 11, 2016 meeting

6. Correspondence and Reports

A. Industrial Development Authority Minutes – May 31, 2016 meeting

B. Staff Reports

- i. Town Manager Monthly Report
- ii. Director of Public Utilities Monthly Report
- iii. Police Chief Monthly Report
- iv. Office Manager Monthly Report
- v. Town Attorney Monthly Report

C. Finance and IT Committee - Mrs. Thompson

D. Public Safety Committee – Mr. Bumgarner

E. Utilities Committee – Mr. Watts

F. Community Relations Committee – Mr. Higginbotham

G. Personnel Committee – Mr. Mozingo

7. Discussion Items

A. Report on Noise Ordinance re Dogs– Town Manager Jack Hobbs

Information on the regulation of dog noise is contained in the agenda package.

B. Compensatory Time and “Lost” Vacation Time Payout – Town Manager Jack Hobbs

Information on the cost of “paying out” the value of accrued compensatory time and “lost” vacation time as well as paying for vacation time going forward is contained in the agenda package. In short, monies have been freed up to cover all of this due to the military deployment of one police position but paying out previously accrued compensatory time, paying out for “lost” vacation time and pay in lieu of vacation time is not directly authorized by Town policies.

C. Report on Sixth Police Officer – Police Chief Robert Kimbrel

A report on the need for and costs associated with a sixth police department employee as well as information on a cigarette tax that could help fund such a position is contained in the agenda package.

D. Regular and Steering Committee Appointments – Town Manager Jack Hobbs

The recruitment of individuals for appointments to committees resulted in only two applicants for the “Pedestrian Safety Steering Committee”. Staff is in the process of ascertaining the willingness of current board members on permanent committees to serve another term if reappointed.

E. Project Status Reports – Town Manager Jack Hobbs

Oral reports on the variety of projects underway can be provided as the Council desires.

8. Matters from Staff

9. Matters from Town Council

A. Property Maintenance at Church & Millner Streets – Councilor Higginbotham

Councilor Higginbotham has indicated that he will ask the Town Council to take action to require better maintenance of the property at the Church and Millner Street intersection.

10. Adjournment